REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT	AGENDA	ORIGINATING DEPT: Public Works	ITEM NO. D-20
ITEM DESCRIPTION:	equipment on traffic signals 16306		PREPARED BY: M. D. Kramer

Traffic signal Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) is a means for emergency vehicles, such as police and fire, to obtain a green light as they approach traffic signals. The benefit is both decreased response times and improved safety. The system works with optical emitters on the emergency vehicles, with optical receivers and equipment on the traffic signals.

The city has previously entered into respective agreements with Mn/DOT and Olmsted County that cover the cost, maintenance, and operation of EVP in Mn/DOT and county signals within the City of Rochester. The project includes EVP in all City of Rochester, Mn/DOT, and Olmsted County traffic signals within the city, with the city as the lead agency for installation. The project is included in the 2002 CIP on page 40, item 5, with the city's portion coming from project reserves.

The city will purchase the equipment separately and provide the equipment to the installation contractor. The council approved advertising for bids for equipment purchase on December 9, 2002.

This request is to advertise for bids for installing the equipment on the traffic signals.

Staff plans to obtain respective equipment and installation bids in the same time frame, so an evaluation can be made of total project costs verses remaining budget, prior to awarding the respective contracts for equipment and installation.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize advertising for bids to install Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) equipment on traffic signals, J6396.

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COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by:	Second by:	to:	

